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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2325

C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 1245

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, GT

SUBJECT: ELECTION REPORT NUMBER 8

1. AT 1300 HOURS GOG BEGAN BROADCASTING OFFICIAL BULLETIN ON ELECTION, EXPRESSING ITS PLEASURE THAT EVENT HAD BEEN CONDUCTED IN CLIMATE OF "ORDER, LIBERTY, AND SECURITY." GOVERNMENT REGRETTED THAT ELECTION RESULTS HAD BEEN DELAYED, BUT BLAMED DELAYS ON "SABOTAGE OF TELEGRAPH LINES." BULLETIN ALSO BLAMED DELAYS ON "LACK OF ADVANCE PLANNING BY MUNICIPALITY" (SEE REPORT #3, PARAGRAPH 2). GOG ALSO ADVISED THAT PERSONS WHO CAME TO CAPITAL (SEE REPORT NUMBER 5) TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT HAD DONE SO PACIFICALLY AND HAD RETURNED HOME. HAVING MADE THESE POINTS, GOG DECLARED THAT (1) IT WOULD MAINTAIN ITS PROMISE TO RESPECT VOTE AND THAT DELAYS WILL NOT AFFECT RESULTS, (2) IT GUARANTEES PUBLIC ORDER, (3) ASKS PUBLIC NOT TO ALLOW ITSELF TO BE FOOLED, (4) ASKS PUBLIC TO HAVE CONFIDENCE AND NOT FALL INTO TRAP OF THOSE WHO SEEK TO OBSURE THE RESULTS, (5) CONFIDES IN MATURITY OF PUBLIC, (6) ANNOUNCES THAT GOG RADIO STATION WILL CONTINUE PUBLISHING RESULTS, AND (7) THE ELECTORAL COUNCIL CONTINUES TO FUNCTION.

2. COMMENT: DESPITE ITS ASSURANCES THAT RESULTS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC, GOG HAS NOT PUBLISHED ANY SUBSTANTIAL, NEW VOTING  
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RETURNS ON PRESIDENTIAL OR DEPUTY RACES SINCE 0820 TODAY (SEE

REPORT NUMBER 4). BLAMING DELAYS ON "SABOTAGE OF TELEGRAPH  
LINES" APPEARS TO BE PARTICULARLY BLATANT EXAMPLE DISORIENTING  
MISINFORMATION. GOVERNMENT IS CLEARLY NOW HOLDING BACK VOTING  
RESULTS. IF GOG BELIEVED LAUGERUD WERE VICTOR, WE CAN BE  
SURE IT WOULD BE SHOWERING COUNTRY WITH RESULTS. END COMMENT.  
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